

East Windsor Veterans Commission  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 4, 2010

**Opening:**

This meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M. at the East Windsor Town Hall meeting room by the Chairman, Ernie Teixeira. There were eight commission members present: Ernie Teixeira, Jim Barton, Ron Hwalek, Mark Simmons, Ken Crouch, Rick Webster, George Butenkoff, and Ed Filipone. A quorum was established.

Absent: Gil Hayes

Guests Present: Glen Galbraith, Cmdr. American Legion, Bob Petrelli and Scott Morgan.

Chairman, Ernie Teixeira, led the commission in reciting the “*Pledge of Allegiance*”.

**Added Agenda Items:** None

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Ed Filipone, Treasurer, submitted his treasurer’s report showing a balance of \$14,865.27 in the EWVC treasury. The EWVC Memorial Brick account has a balance of \$1,155.00.

**MOTION:** George Butenkoff moved to accept the treasurer’s report as presented. This was seconded by Ron Hwalek and carried unanimously.

**Secretary’s Report:**

The minutes from the December 3, 2009 E.W.V.C. regular meeting as submitted by Rick Webster were presented for those present to review. (there were no EWVC meetings held in January 2010 or February 2010.)

**MOTION:** George Butenkoff moved to accept the December 3, 2009, regular meeting minutes as submitted. This was seconded by Ron Hwalek and carried unanimously.

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Memorial Day Ceremony Committee:**

A discussion was held regarding our planned ceremony to be held at the Warehouse Point green Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Ernie Teixeira reported that he was in contact with the First Selectman’s office planning guest speakers and other tasks. Jim Barton was assigned to coordinate the parade line up at the Annex. Ken Crouch was assigned the duty of purchasing flags. All plans appeared to be on schedule. The after service ceremony picnic will be held afterward at the American Legion Post #40.

**Poster / Essay Contest Committee:** No report

**Scholarship Committee:** No report

**Veterans Cemetery Project Committee:** No report

**Veterans Day Road Race Committee:** No report

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**New/Other Business:**

Ernie Teixeira reminded those present that a Veterans' concert program will be presented at EWHS on Wednesday, March 24, 2010, at 6:30 P.M. in the auditorium.

Invited guests, Mr. Glen Galbraith, Cmdr. American Legion and Bob Petrelli, presented a plan to bring the traveling Viet Nam Memorial Wall to East Windsor. Cmdr. Galbraith gave all present hand outs outlining the project. A discussion was held among those present as to costs and feasibility of this project i.e. site of display, vendors, volunteers opening & closing ceremony etc. The planned date for this event is tentatively scheduled for May of 2011.

**MOTION:** George Butenkoff moved to participate with the American Legion in pursuing this Viet Nam Memorial Wall event. This was seconded by Ed Filipone and carried unanimously.

George Butenkoff opened a discussion on reducing the required numbers of the EWVC membership. After a brief discussion all agreed to propose to the Board of Selectmen that the Town Ordinance establishing the EWVC be amended to reduce membership from thirteen (13) regular members to nine (9) regular members with two (2) alternate members. Also, to add an "Honorary Member(s)" status as only an advisory position with no vote.

**MOTION:** George Butenkoff moved to issue a request to the Board of Selectmen asking that the Town Ordinance establishing EWVC membership be reduced from thirteen (13) members to nine (9) regular members with two (2) alternate members. Also, that the position of "Honorary Member" be added as an advisory position only with no vote. This was seconded by Ed Filipone and carried unanimously.

Ernie Teixeira, Chairman, assigned Mark Simmons, Secretary, to compose the request letter to present to the East Windsor Board of Selectmen.

Jim Barton presented a letter he received from the "Connecticut State Veterans Memorial" project requesting a donation from the EWVC for this cause. There was discussion among those present on the merits of this request.

**MOTION:** George Butenkoff moved to donate \$100.00 from the EWVC treasury to the "Connecticut State Veterans Memorial" project. This was seconded Jim Barton. A tie vote was cast with three (3) in favor: George Butenkoff, Jim Barton and Mark Simmons. Three (3) were opposed and one (1) not voting. Ernie Teixeira, Chairman, cast a tie breaking vote in favor of the motion.

Motion passed: Four (4) in favor with three (3) opposed.

Ernie Teixeira reminded those present that our next **regular** meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010, at 7:00 P.M. at Town Hall.**

Hearing of no further business to come before the commission Ernie Teixeira asked for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** George Butenkoff moved to adjourn this meeting. This was seconded by Ron Hwalek and carried unanimously. Ernie Teixeira closed this meeting at 8:33 P.M.

Submitted by,  
Mark Simmons, Secretary EWVC

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_